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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Roger B. Harding et al.

Serial No.: 10/002,399

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For: CELLULOSE ETHERS AND METHOD OF PREPARING THE SAME

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Hon. Commissioner of
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Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In order to comply with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, attached hereto is a copy of Form PTO-1449 and copies of the documents listed thereon. In accordance with M.P.E.P. §§609 and 707.05(b), it is requested that each document cited (including any cited in applicant's specification which is not

repeated on the attached Form PTO-1449) be given thorough consideration and that it be cited of record in the prosecution history of the present application by initialing Form PTO-1449 next to the document. Such initialing is requested even if the Examiner does not consider a cited document to be sufficiently pertinent to use in a rejection, or otherwise does not consider it to be prior art for any reason, or even if the Examiner does not believe that the guidelines for citation have been fully complied with. This is requested so that each document becomes listed on the face of the patent issuing on the present application.

The undersigned is also enclosing herewith an English translation of each of the foreign language documents identified in Form PTO-1449. It is believed that the applicant in the above-identified patent application has therefore met the "concise explanation" requirement of 35 C.F.R. 1.98.

It is also requested that the Declaration of Roger Bruce Harding attached hereto be given thorough consideration. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner acknowledge that he or she has considered this Declaration in the first Office Action on the merits of this application. Such acknowledgment is requested even if the Examiner does not consider this Declaration to be sufficiently pertinent to use in a rejection, or otherwise does not consider it to be prior art for any reason, or even if the Examiner does not believe that the guidelines for citation have been fully complied with.

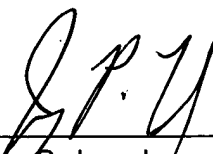
The present Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR 1.56, but the citation of such document is not to be construed as an admission that such document is necessarily relevant or prior art. No representation is intended that the cited documents represent the results of a complete search, and it is anticipated that the Examiner, in the normal course of examination, will make an independent search and will determine the best prior art consistent with 37 CFR 1.104(a) and 1.106(b) and, in the course of each search, will review for relevance every document cited on the attached form even if not initialed.

Since this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within 3 months of the filing date of the application, it is believed that no fee is due. However, if the Commissioner determines that a fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the above deposit account for any deficiency.

Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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